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The following observations were made in Plauen (M 51/K 12):

## 1. Koenig-Georg Kaserne (Alte Infanterie Kaserne):

a. Occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 6 January 1950, older troops wore artillery insignia.

b. Six groups of 10 recruits each were observed **training** with six 75-mm AT guns.

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## 2. Hindenburg Kaserne:

a. Occupied by about 600 troops, mostly recruits, on 6 January 1950. Observed soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

b. Three 80-mm mortars, six 75-mm AT guns and three AT guns of about 45 mm caliber were observed.

c. Troops were trained with the/mentioned weapons. An informant said that during the winter months Soviet troops undergo a strict individual training, preference being given to the exact knowledge of arms rather than to arms drill.

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## 3. Kirchbach Kaserne (Artillerie Kaserne):

a. Lightly occupied on 9 January 1950 by about 150 troops, allegedly belonging to the unit in the Koenig-Georg Kaserne.

b. About 20 soldiers were observed **training** with an AT gun and 12 soldiers with two long-barreled guns of 100 to 150 mm caliber without muzzle brake.

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[redacted] the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div are stationed in Plauen. Component units of the artillery regiment may be stationed in both the Koenig-Georg Kaserne and the Kirchbach Kaserne.

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